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Algeria faces urgent challenges in managing its water resources and huge opportunities exist for U.S. companies in the sector, Algerian Minister of Water Abdelmalek Sellal told U.S. Ambassador Pearce on September 29, 2008.

Minister Sellal would like to see more U.S. expertise and involvement in **planning, construction and technical assistance** in Algeria, and his Ministry is willing to accommodate various business partnerships, joint ventures, or other arrangements to make U.S. firms comfortable and ensure that U.S. expertise was brought to bear on Algeria's water sector. Algeria's water strategy focuses on **desalination** for the coastal cities, **medium-sized dams** to irrigate the inland mountains and high plateau, and an ambitious **800km water transfer project** to bring water to the deep Saharan south. Sellal was emphatic in debunking what he saw as the myth that the Algerian market was somehow "reserved for Europeans".

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